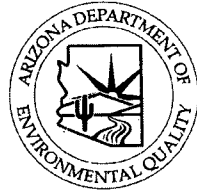


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Ms. Catherine Kuhlman, Acting Director  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Water Division (WTR-1)  
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Re: Arizona's 2003 205(j) Report

Dear Ms. Kuhlman:

Arizona's *Integrated 305(b) Assessment and 303(d) Listing Report* submitted to EPA in October 2002 provides a current assessment of water quality in Arizona at this time; therefore, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will not prepare a CWA 205(j) report for 2003. ADEQ is beginning efforts for the next integrated assessment and listing report which will be submitted to EPA on or before April 1, 2004. The 2004 integrated report will include an assessment of all readily available data collected before December 31, 2002 and will be based on the new surface water quality standards approved by EPA in October, 2002. The department anticipates providing an integrated report that incorporates the five-part list of all waters including the 303(d) list.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this update, please contact me at (602) 771-2306 or have your staff contact Linda Taunt, Manager of the Hydrologic Support and Assessment Section at (602) 771-4416.

Sincerely,

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